

Appendix B.

Places With All Cropland in the Conservation Reserve Programs or Wetlands Reserve Programs

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 amended the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985. The 1990 Act continues the CRP and puts greater emphasis on preserving and upgrading water quality by establishing a new Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). It provides annual payments for highly erodible cropland or wetlands enrolled in the programs and meeting their conservation requirements. It also requires that the land be taken out of agricultural production for a minimum of 10 years.

The 1992 Census of Agriculture includes Conservation Reserve and Wetlands Reserve acreage as land in farms on operations that meet the census farm definition. A farm, for census statistical purposes, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. Operations which placed all of their cropland in the CRP or WRP and did not otherwise meet the farm definition based upon sales, livestock inventories, planted crops, or other criteria for

potential sales were not included as farms in the census tabulations.

The following table provides CRP or WRP data for places not meeting the census definition ("whole farm" CRP or WRP places). It also contains separate but corresponding CRP or WRP data for farms included in the census tabulations. In addition to State data, detailed county data are presented for counties with three or more "whole farm" CRP or WRP places reported. For counties with less than three "whole farm" CRP or WRP places reported, their data are combined and reported in "all other counties."

The data for "whole farm" CRP or WRP places are not complete for all counties. The census mail list was developed from sources which indicated the farm had agricultural production activity. It was not designed to cover all "whole farm" CRP or WRP places. Therefore, the data for these places are limited to what was reported in the census and have not been adjusted to account for nonresponse, incomplete coverage, and reporting errors.

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Geographic area | Agricultural places excluded by farm definition with acres in the CRP or WRP | | | Farms with acres in the CRP or WRP | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number | Land in places (acres) | Land in CRP or WRP (acres) | Number | Land in farms (acres) | Land in CRP or WRP (acres) |
| Massachusetts ----- | 5 | (D) | (D) | 58 | 7 118 | 1 388 |